GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006
SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether officers at all levels are quitting the Armed Forces worsening an already severe manpower shortage as reported in 'The Hindustan Times', dated October 30, 2006;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the number of officers who have quit the armed forces during each of the last three years, force-wise ;

(c) Whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard ;

(d) If so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) The remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the trend and increase the intake in the Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(e) : Details of the number of officers who have been granted premature retirement/resignation during the last three years in the Army, Navy and Air Force are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. The statement indicates that there is no significant increase in the number of personnel whose requests for discharge have been approved. No study has been conducted by the Government.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 30 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2006 The number of Defence officers who were discharged from India's armed forces during the last three years is as under :-

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2003	349	110	175
2004	290	115	244
2005	365	168	175